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Week of June 9, 2019

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CONFIDENCE .. 2 CORINTHIANS 10 (P. 545)

For this week's study, if you have access to one, do your reading from the **NLT**.

2 Corinthians 10:1-2

What do you notice from these verses?

Paul speaks of himself being gentle and humble, but then he offers a kind of threat. What do you think of that?

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Keep this passage in context. Paul is speaking about fighting a battle, but in the context of the letter, what does he mean? Against whom or what is that battle?

People have a tendency to see these words as Paul referring to a kind of spiritual warfare, but the battle is against human reasoning. Other people see this as a reference to Christian apologetics, but the weapons are to be spiritual. In many of Paul's letters he talks about using some spiritual power against human reasoning, and one of those passages is **1 Cor 1:18**. How do these two passages relate?

What do you think Paul means by verse 6, and what do you think of the idea of church "punishment"?

2 Corinthians 10:7-11

What do you notice from this section? How would you describe Paul's attitude?

2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Apparently, there are some people in Corinth who are vying for influence by comparing themselves to Paul and to each other. What does Paul think of them?

Instead of comparing himself to them directly, he simply talks about his own faithfulness. What do you think of Paul's faithfulness? Is he being too boastful?

TAKE IT HOME

2 Corinthians 10 is one of Paul's most confident chapters. He is bold and aggressive, but his confidence is well founded. There are two foundational principles on which he bases his confidence. (1) His knowledge of the gospel (2) God's calling on his life and his faithfulness to that calling.

How does your confidence compare to Paul's?

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